It is Illegal to Discard Fluorescent Light Tubes/Lamps in the Trash!

Placing a fluorescent light tube or bulb in any trash container or garbage can is violation of the hazardous waste laws. Violation of these laws can result in large fines and criminal prosecution.

Fluorescent tubes contain mercury and become hazardous waste when they no longer work. Mercury poses a serious health risk,

especially for pregnant women and small children. <u>Non-working tubes must be recycled</u> by an authorized recycling firm and cannot be discarded in the trash.

AVOID BREAKING FLUORESCENT BULBS AND TUBES

When broken, they release mercury vapor and phosphor powder, and both can damage health. If a tube breaks, evacuate and ventilate the area for 15 minutes, then wear a dust mask as you sweep the broken glass and dust into a thick plastic bag. If you have broken fluorescent bulbs call 465-1100 for information about proper disposal.



Households

- → The Del Norte County Transfer Station will accept up to nine (9) fluorescent tubes or bulbs free of charge.
- ⇒Customers with ten (10) or more will charged the business rate.

Businesses and Institutions

- → Must send spent fluorescent tubes and/or bulbs to a fluorescent recycling firm.
- → May handle fluorescent tubes/bulbs as universal waste which allows for the
- option of self-transport and use of invoice, bill of lading, or other document



- → May accumulate spent tubes for up to one year.
- ⇒Requires only informal training for most employees handling spent tubes.
- → Must keep documentation to demonstrate tubes were managed properly.
- → The regulations do not allow the use of "tube crushers; which will release mercury into the air and poses a risk to employees.

Disposal of 10 or more Fluorescent lamps will be charged at the business rate

→ Commercial Compact Fluorescent Tubes	\$1.46 Each
→Commercial Fluorescent tubes less than 6'	\$2.90 Each
→Commercial Fluorescent tubes 6' or longer	\$5.80 Each

See reverse side for a list of pre-paid fluorescent lamp recyclers

Company Name

Prepaid Recycling Costs

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Recycle Kits **AERC Recycling Solutions**

2591 Mitchell Avenue Allentown, PA 18103 1-610-797-7608

\$70.00 4ft (32) per box

8ft (29) per box \$95.00

www.aercrecycling.com

Air Cycle Corporation 2000 S. 25th Avenue Broadview, IL 60155 1-800-909-9709

\$65.95 4ft (32) T12 or (64) T8

\$65.95 8ft (15) T12 or (30) T8

www.lamprecycling.com

Lighting Resources Inc. 805 E. Francis Street Ontario, CA 91761

1-866-375-7340

\$59.00 4ft (32) T12 or (64) T8

\$59.00 8ft (15) T12 or (30) T8

www.lightingresourcesinc.com

Fluorecycle, Inc. 27780 W. Concrete Drive, Unit A Ingleside, IL 60041

1-815-363-4411 www.fluorecycle.com \$56.95 4ft (30) T12 or (60) T8

\$56.95 8ft (15) T12 or (30) T8

Complete Recycling Solutions, LLC \$48.00 4ft (36) T12 or (72) T8 One Father DeValles Blvd. \$74.00 8ft (15) T12 or (30) T8 Fall River, MA 02723 1-866-277-9797 www.crsrecycle.com

For more information call **Del Norte Solid Waste Management Authority** 465-1100

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